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AND TRADE

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS ON CROP YEAR (JULY-JUNE) BASIS, NUTRIENT
BASIS IS USED, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED.

I. ESTIMATED DOMESTIC FERTILIZER PRODUCTION CAPACITY: (THOUSANDS
OF METRIC TONS)

NITROGEN	OVER 700.0
COMPLEX FERTILIZER (NPK)	1,100.0 (PRODUCT BASIS)
CALCIUM NITRATE	1,000.0 (PRODUCT BASIS)
UREA	200.0 (PRODUCT BASIS)

II. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION (THOUSANDS OF METRIC TONS)

1971/72 1972/73 1973/74 (EST).

1. PRODUCTION:

NITROGEN	533.6	585.5	630.0
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SUPERPHOSPHATE (PRODUCT BASIS)	7.0	3.0	1.0
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2. IMPORTS; PRODUCT BASIS:

POTASSIUM CHLORIDE	153.3	157.8	158.0
POTASSIUM SULPHATE	62.2	98.8	140.0

3. EXPORTS; PRODUCT BASIS:

AMMONIUM NITRATE, CALCIUM			
NITRATE AND UREA	793.9	844.7	890.0

OTHER FERTILIZERS, MAINLY			
COMPLEX (NKP)	511.9	700.4	800.0

4. CONSUMPTION:

NITROGEN (N)	78.3	80.2	81.4
PHOSPHATE (P)	24.4	25.3	25.8
POTASH (K)	58.5	61.1	62.6

REQUIREMENTS FOR 1974/75 ARE ESTIMATED AS FOLLOWS:

NITROGEN 82.6, PHOSPHATE 26.3 AND POTASH 62.6

5. STOCKS; PRODUCT BASIS: (ON SEPTEMBER 30)

SUPERPHOSPHATE	1.9	1.6	1.9
POTASSIUM CHLORIDE	16.0	20.8	16.1
POTASSIUM SULPHATE	5.9	6.8	6.9
COMPLEX (NKP) FERTILIZER	213.8	167.1	185.2
POTASSIUM SUPPER	3.8	2.4	2.9

III. AVERAGE FERTILIZER PRICES TO FARMERS (JANUARY 1974);

IN US DOLLARS PER METRIC TON; AT PAR VALUE (DOLS 1.00 TO NKR 5.98):

COMPLEX A (14-6-16)	\$81.60
COMPLEX B (13-6-16)	87.63
COMPLEX C (16-7-12)	82.60
CALCIUM NITRATE	40.97
AMMONIUM NITRATE	62.88

FERTILIZER PRICES ARE EXPECTED TO RISE AS A RESULT OF INCREASED
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OIL AND GAS PRICES, BUT THE EXTENT OF THESE INCREASES IS STILL
UNCERTAIN.

IV. THE CURRENT SUPPLY SITUATION IS UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANY NOTABLE
EFFECT ON 1974/75 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. EXPORT AVAILABILITIES
AND/OR REQUIREMENTS OF MORE SIGNIFICANT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ARE,
THEREFORE, UNLIKELY TO BE AFFECTED.

V. GNP ESTIMATES IN BILLIONS OF NKR: 1972: NKR 97(DOLS 16.2 BILLION), 1973: NKR 101 (DOLS 16.9 BILLION) AND 1974: NKR 106 (DOLS 17.7 BILLION).

(N.B. THE SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION WERE: FOREIGN TRADE AND STOCKS: CENTRAL BUREAU OF PRODUCTION, STATISTICS; CONSUMPTION: AGRICULTURAL BUDGET COMMISSION AND PRICES: AGRICULTURAL PRICE REPORTING OFFICE.)

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